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"Trailing" the President.

The millionaires, quick to appreciate the importance of the President's stumping plans, are considering the advisability of "trailing" him. Naturally, they want Mr. Bryan to play the star role. His drawing power is greater than that of any other of their number. With him at the head of an aggregation of pacifists they do not doubt that a "crimp" could be put in the preparedness program.

"Trailers" are seldom, if ever, effective. Their place suggests a minor part in a movement. If they draw crowds, curiosity largely explains the attendance. The real attraction has passed on, and made an impression which cannot be removed by those of less consequence.

As The Star stated yesterday, a joint debate between the President and Mr. Bryan is barred by the former's position. But even if free to make such an arrangement, the President might not care for it. He is not an orator in the popular sense, and Mr. Bryan most decidedly is. So that a well written address unimpassionately delivered would lose some of its power with a popular audience if it preceded or followed an address by one schooled and skilled in the art of entertainment. Mr. Bryan is a veteran performer, and one of the best.

But why not a joint debate between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt? They would draw and entertain immensely. Mr. Roosevelt, it is true, is no more orator than the President, but has much more fire as a speaker, and a capacity quite the equal of Mr. Bryan's to stir a meeting. His hammer-and-tongs way of handling a subject and an opponent makes his stumping appearances the joy of his friends and followers.

These two men could meet. Mr. Bryan's three nominations for the presidency, with a fourth hoped for, put him on a level with Mr. Roosevelt, with his two terms in the office, and a third hoped for. Though wide apart on the preparedness issue and on other issues, they are on cordial personal terms, and could make a little journey about the country together with personal comfort and enjoyment. Why not match them? What other thing would contribute so much to the issue, or to the gaiety of the nation?

Mr. Roosevelt has announced a visit to the West Indies soon. But might he not forego or postpone that? He is deeply interested in preparedness, and desirous of serving the cause in every way.

Senator Cummins evidently believes that the government should make the manufacture of munitions a matter of patriotism and not of profit.

There is cause for congratulation in the fact that as the thermometer gets close to zero the grip germ goes out of business.

China is having as much trouble with bomb plots as if it were a perfectly peaceful country endeavoring to be neutral.

In exhorting for the progressive cause, George W. Perkins no longer pauses for fervent responses from Mr. Pinchot or Mr. Garfield.

The St. Louis Platform.

Democratic managers are not losing sight of the fact that the St. Louis convention will have other business to attend to besides nominating a presidential ticket. A platform must be drafted and debated and adopted.

The St. Louis platform will not be easy of construction. It must deal with a number of subjects, and should deal with them in a definite and straightforward manner. Another "spread of molasses" would be risky. This time the public will want less sweetness and more light.

For this reason discussion of delegates to St. Louis has begun. The party is advised to send only the best men—men both capable and experienced.

It is in this connection that Mr. Bryan, interesting in every way, is taking on new interest. Assumption is that he will attend the convention, and address himself particularly to the platform work. He may even aspire to the chairmanship of the platform committee.

At Baltimore Mr. Bryan did more than nominate the candidate. He gave to the platform some of its leading features. But the work was not very difficult. Familiar charges against the opposition were revived, new charges made, and pledges taken eloquently and joyously. Here was the chart by which the party if successful at the poles would steer, and

with its passengers and cargo, reach the Happy Isles.

Not yet have the Happy Isles been reached. Either a mistake was made in the chart, or the chart departed from. Which? Both. The promises about the tariff and economy were misleading, that about the Panama canal tolls was violated, while that relating to one term in the White House has become a topic for jest.

And so when the campaign opens the St. Louis chart will undergo very close inspection. The questions will be, Whither? and What are the chances? Who drew the chart?

What will be said this time about the tariff? What explanation made of the record as to economy? What really was at the bottom of the repeal of the provision in the law for the free passage of American coastwise shipping through the Panama canal? And what, if anything, will be said about the one term matter?

The platform-builders at St. Louis will face a task which only master builders can execute. If apprentices, no matter how promising, are assigned to the work a botch will certainly be the result.

Jewish War Relief.

Tonight the people of Washington are to assemble in mass meeting for the purpose of starting the local contribution to the fund for the relief of the suffering Jews of the war zone. A handsome subscription from the National Capital is desirable, and is to be expected. The sympathies of the people of this community for those who have been stricken by the great calamity in Europe have been given practical and generous expression heretofore, and now the opportunity arrives for an extension of this spirit to those who, with no actual part in the struggle, are harried by the catastrophe. Denied political rights, persecuted for their faith and their thrift and subjected to the greatest humiliations in every crisis in Europe, the Jews of Poland have in this greatest of all disasters been terrible sufferers. They have been slain, though non-combatants. Their property has been confiscated by both sides. They have been driven from their homes on the plea of military necessity. They have seen their savings of years swept into the war chests. Their business has been ruined, and they are now, in great numbers, dependent upon the charity of the world. Their co-religionists in this country have responded to their plea for help, but more is needed than can be raised from this source alone. The debt of the American people to the Jewish race is a heavy one. It has given to the western republic richly in many ways. Now comes a time when apart from the commands of humanity, a generous gift for the succor of the helpless ones is required. The necessity is great and Washington must do its share. Tonight's meeting will afford the opportunity to help in a noble work of life-saving.

England's economies may lessen the demand for rare roast beef to a degree that will keep the Chicago supply at home and lower the price.

The phrase "the strenuous life" has passed from the current vocabulary, but its inspiration is as energetic as ever.

In or out of office W. J. Bryan is the cause of an immense amount of speechmaking.

A Mexican bandit does not care who has been recognized.

A large number of reports of Villa's death are being held for verification.

Standardizing Public Buildings.

When Chairman Clark of the House public buildings committee pleads for standardization of the government's structures, it is not to be accepted that he wants all public constructions to look alike. As one versed by his legislative experience in the matter of government building provision he doubtless is aware of the sad effects of machine-made architecture, and it is to be assumed that while he wants a standard he does not want mediocre uniformity. A case is in point in this city to illustrate the undesirability of stenciled public building plans.

When provision was made by Congress about twenty-five years ago for a new "city post office" for Washington the then supervising architect announced that he had, after much travail, worked out a design for the capital's long needed postal structure that would be impressively monumental and distinct. The public awaited the disclosure of the plan with keen interest. When it was published there was some disappointment. The design was neither strikingly unique nor impressively monumental. It was true to no particular style. It was just a building, of a hybrid type. But this disappointment was mild compared with that felt later when in a published annual report of the architect's office pictures were found that proved that instead of being a special design the Washington post office was merely one of half a dozen almost identical buildings erected during a recent period, the others being scattered throughout the west. There was at least, however, some comfort in the thought that Washington had not been marked out for this imposition alone, but that there were others in the same situation.

By all means, let the public buildings of the United States be standardized, but let there be such a standard of style and construction as will insure good results. There should be

no more wholesale lots of post offices or customhouses. The existing architecture of the city should be studied and should govern to a large extent. Geography should play a part. The building's use should be a factor. But there should certainly be a standard of excellence, a standard of promptness, and, above all, a standard of sufficiency, so that the government will not lag behind its necessities. Whether Congress is to blame for the delays in public building provision or the Treasury Department, as Chairman Clark declares, the fact is that the United States is far behind its needs in this respect, and in no other city so badly as in Washington, where its needs are greatest.

Studying Traffic Conditions.

The proposal of the public utilities commission to seek information that will lead to a standardizing of the street railway service of the District is excellent, but it is rather strange that steps have not been taken heretofore to this end. Certainly the public interest demands that the service on the various lines should be as nearly uniform as possible. If the congestion to which all the lines are more or less subject at times is due to the unevenness of the service, to the inadequacy of carrying-away cars for the loads that are brought to transfer points, to the irregularity or unreliability of schedules, the remedy should be applied promptly. The commission might profitably have studied this matter speedily after its creation, as one of the most essential factors in the local transportation situation.

It is possible that much of the congestion is due to the lack of co-ordination between the routes and schedules, and again it is possible that a survey of the case will show that the congestion is chiefly due to the fact that the crowds flow naturally along restricted lines of travel, and that the remedy lies in additional routes. If by a study lasting two or three weeks the commission can find a remedy in a better scheduling of the cars it will have conferred a boon upon the community. If after such a study it is concluded that such an expedient will not fully meet the needs of the case, additional trunk lines must be planned, to relieve not merely the present congestion at the rush hours, but the heavier traffic that increase of population is certain to cause.

Fortunately, the work of teaching the young idea how to shoot goes on regardless of discussions of the best way to accomplish it.

Prosperity is invariably referred to by the party not in power as the product of extraordinary and largely accidental conditions.

As a peacemaker, W. J. Bryan causes a remarkable amount of agitation.

Statistics fall under renewed suspicion when a country undertakes to estimate the losses of an enemy.

The cold wave bulletin is one of the most painfully reliable pieces of information placed before the public.

Calling the attention of Secretary Daniels to defects in the navy has become a habit.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Serious Apprehension.

"You still favor the idea of votes for women?"

"Oh, yes," replied the earnest man. "What worries me now is a fear that my wife thinks it is going out of style."

A selfish man is one whose purposes interfere with your own selfish interests.

Violent Uplift.

"Our friend insists that he wants to uplift mankind."

"Perhaps. But he oughtn't to insist on using high explosives."

Interesting Program.

We'll soon expect the robin's song With hearty cheer throughout the land.

And after that will come along The music of the campaign band.

Question of Appearances.

"Sometimes I think I'd like to get out of politics," said Senator Sorghum.

"Why don't you?"

"It's so hard to get out without looking as if you had been put out."

Ornithology.

The dove of peace commands respect Commingled with suspense.

The eagle we do not neglect, With reverence intense.

Yet while the dove may coo with skill, And eagles shout, "Hooray!"

We interrupt to ask, "When will The hen begin to lay?"

The bird of paradise is fine; We love its plumage bright;

The blithe canary will incline Our thoughts to fancies light.

But humble kindness must fill Our wants from day to day.

"Midst beauty's thrill we ask, 'When will The hen begin to lay?'"

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Cambric and Nainsook Underwear, consisting of combinations, gowns, petticoats, envelope chemise, drawers and corset covers; some slightly muscled from handling during recent sales; others are samples. Priced up to \$1.75. Divided into two lots, at.....69c and 79c

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